



FLAMES ACROSS THE WATER: Flames soar high into the night sky at South Haven Tuesday as fire destroyed the Michigan Shore Lumber and Supply company. This spectacular picture was taken by correspondent Dorothea Logan from across the Black River.

Business Goes Up In Flames

\$100,000 Fire Destroys Lumber Warehouse In South Haven

By TOM RENNER
South Haven Correspondent
SOUTH HAVEN — Fire Tuesday night destroyed the main warehouse of the Michigan Shore Lumber and Supply company along the Black River at South Haven. The loss has been estimated at \$100,000.

It is the second major blaze

along the Black River in less than six months. On Dec. 28, a \$50,000 blaze destroyed a storage building and several boats owned by the South Haven Yacht Club.

At the height of the fire Tuesday night, flames threatened several homes located on the bluff above the burning building. Firemen evacuated the occupants, sprayed water on the structures and limited damage to blistered paint.

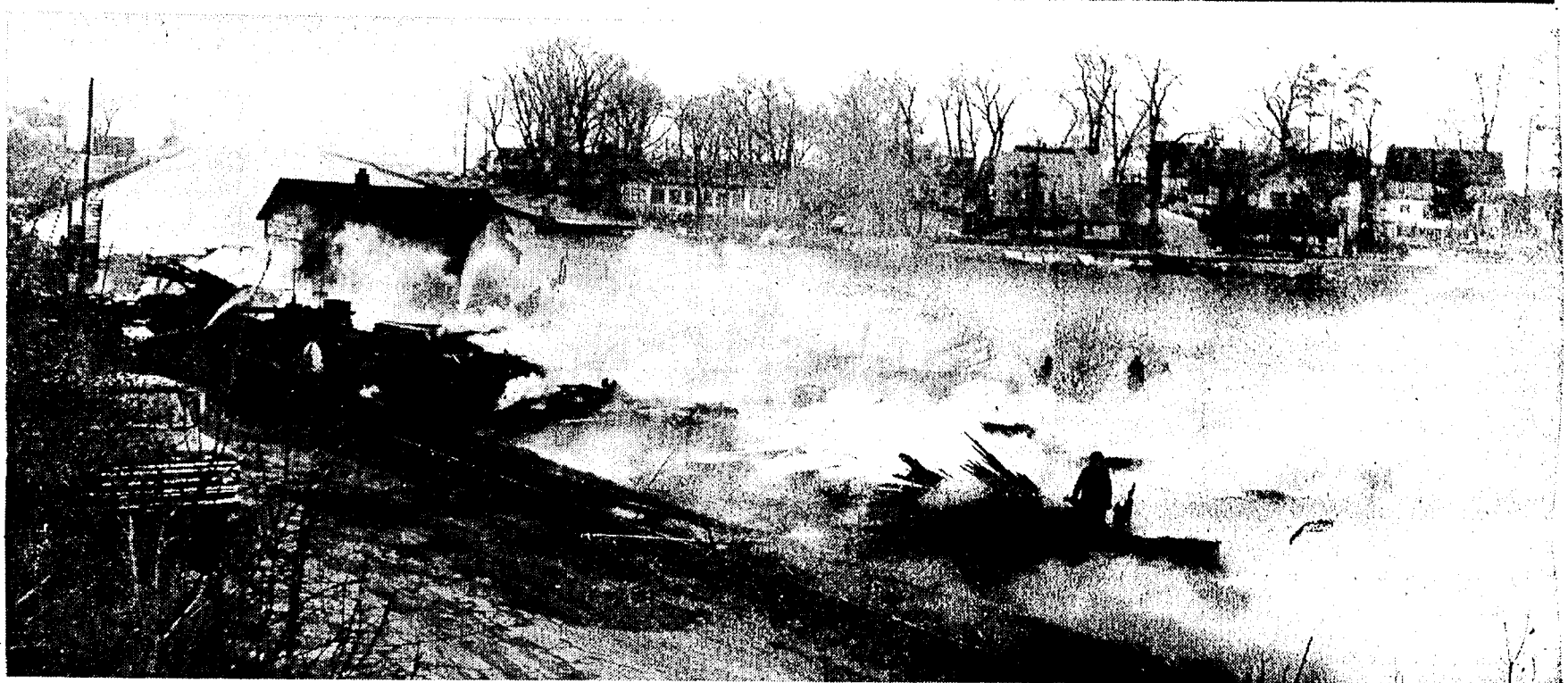
A South Haven fireman, Evert Wheeler, 47, was overcome by smoke. He was released this morning after spending the night at South Haven Community hospital, according to Fire Chief Les Olmstead.

The wooden warehouse was "consumed in flames" when firemen arrived shortly after 10 p.m., Chief Olmstead said. The blaze was reported by city Police Officer Robert Howard while on patrol. He said the fire was burning in the northeast corner of the building when he first saw it.

South Haven Police Chief Otto Buelow this morning said he has called the State Fire Marshal in to investigate the cause of the fire.

"I don't know how it got such a start," said Chief Olmstead. Flames could be seen for miles and a crowd of several

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DAWN SHOWS DESTRUCTION: The coming of light this morning presented this scene of destruction after

Tuesday night's blaze of the Michigan Shore Lumber and Supply company at South Haven. This photo was

snapped by correspondent Tom Renner.

24 Known Dead, 77 Missing In Idaho

Richest Silver Mine Burns

KELLOGG, Idaho (AP) — Rescuers probed through the smoky shafts of the nation's richest silver mine today in an effort to locate 77 men reported missing after an underground fire. Mine officials said 24 men were known dead, but other reports put the toll as high as 29.

More than 100 men escaped.

Marvin C. Chase, a Sunshine vice president and general manager of the company's Western operations, refused to comment on the newspaper's report, or the report of the state mining official.

In Washington a spokesman for the Bureau of Mines said there had been conflicting reports about the number of

dead, but that as of an early hour today the reports his agency had received indicated that only five bodies had been found.

Some 100 members of the families of the missing men gathered at the concrete-faced mine after the fire broke out late Tuesday morning, then at the request of mine officials

started a long wait in a nearby mine warehouse.

The mine is in a canyon off Interstate 90, a main highway linking Spokane and Missoula, Mont. The shaft enters the ground on a steep, thinly timbered hillside.

As darkness fell, mine work-lights illuminated the entrance to the shaft and a corrugated

iron structure housing the mine's hoist machinery.

Mine officials would not say whether they knew the location of the missing men in the labyrinth of tunnels that extend 5,000 feet into the earth.

A Sunshine spokesman said the missing miners have no means of communicating with those above ground, and they have not been heard from since the fire started.

More than 100 rescuers from the U.S. Bureau of Mines and other mine operations in the area responded to calls for help.

Working in teams of five and wearing oxygen tanks, searchers entered the mine shafts for periods up to 30 minutes, closing off areas probed and trying to narrow their field of search.

One rescuer described the mine interior as "extremely hot, extremely smoky and almost impossible to see in."

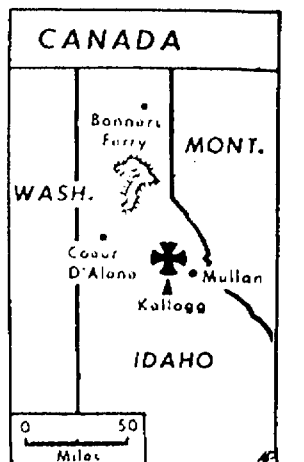
Chase said the cause and exact location of the fire were not known. It was believed to have burned in timbers in an older portion of the mine between the 3,400 and 3,700 foot levels.

Crews above ground bored a 4-foot-hole into a mineshaft to force air down to rescuers and

the miners still inside, he said.

Wallace Wilson, a Sunshine vice president, said 108 dayshift workers were evacuated from the mine immediately after the blaze flared.

Five bodies were brought out of the mine's main shaft about nine hours later.



MINE FIRE SITE
Near Kellogg, Idaho

Thayer Paper Co. Closed all day Sat. May 6 for Blossom Parade Adv.

Fidel Begins Tour

MIAMI (AP)—Prime Minister Fidel Castro has begun his trip abroad.

Radio Havana reported Tuesday night that Castro had left for Guinea, the first stop on a nine-nation tour ending in Moscow.

Jean Norman appearing at Captain's Table — Travel Inn, Tues. thru Fri.

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VERY QUIET ON THE SURFACE: Pat Potts stands at gate leading to Sunshine mine near Kellogg, Idaho where fire broke out. Tuesday trapping at least 77

persons. Five are known dead. At left center is the Jewell hoist, main one at the mine. (AP Wirephoto)

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Editorial Page

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Nation's No. 1 Policeman

In the best Old Western tradition of the gunslinger and his implacable foe, the sheriff, dying with their boots on, J. Edgar Hoover succumbed early Tuesday morning at the age of 77.

He became a legend in law enforcement before many of our readers had received a high school diploma. Most Americans equate him and the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) as one and the same thing.

He was born on New Year's Day in 1895 at Washington. His father was an official in the Coast and Geodetic Survey. His mother was a grandniece of a one time Swiss consul to the U.S.

He was avid sports fan during his high school days in Washington but at 100 pounds stretched over a slight frame, the football coach regarded him as a poor investment.

The young Hoover took to debating to work off his excess energies and also obtained a \$30 a month job as a messenger in the Library of Congress. Another outlet was heading up in his school the forerunner of the ROTC program.

He became an honor student in George Washington University's law school and after obtaining his master's degree, took a clerkship in the Justice Department in 1917.

Two years later, A. Mitchell Palmer, the Attorney General in Wilson's Ad-

ministration, picked Hoover to prosecute a large number of alien subversives. Hoover personally escorted Emma Goldman, the anarchist, to the ship which deported her and others to a chosen exile in Russia.

In 1921 Hoover became assistant director of the FBI and three years later, at the age of 29, was named the Bureau's director.

The FBI at the time was just another of the many Washington agencies manned by hacks and little known to the public.

Hoover quickly changed this backwoods atmosphere.

He adopted the revolutionary idea of hiring college graduates with degrees in accounting or law as agents. He established a training school for the recruits. Uniform records and statistical sections replaced the hit and miss filing system previously in vogue.

The gang wars during Prohibition days, followed by the Bonney and Clyde type of bank robbery during the early '30s, furnished the Bureau its first test.

Old style law enforcement agencies expressed open skepticism about college boys being able to handle a John Dillinger or the Mafia's button men.

Hoover's G-Men effectively established their superiority and their boss' theory that an intelligent mind, properly trained, can subdue pure muscle.

World War II and its preparedness phase switched the Bureau over to domestic counter-intelligence and anti-sabotage.

Since the war's end, this effort has shifted to combating Communist infiltration.

Lyndon Johnson exercised a Presidential prerogative to waive Hoover's mandatory retirement when he reached age 70 in 1965 and Richard Nixon repeated the gesture four years later.

Nixon now has the job of naming a replacement to a man who piloted an agency through eight Presidencies (Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, FDR, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon) and who for 48 years was undisputed master of a most sensitive area. In the sense of having to deliver 24-hour protective service, the Bureau stands in rank with the Army, the Navy and the Marines.

The appointment process could be more tempestuous than any Nixon has yet sent to the Senate.

Hoover was an Untouchable, about the only one we can think of who ever enjoyed that Congressional standing. Even FDR who held some lesser thoughts about the man kept his distance.

His successor, whether plucked from within the Bureau or picked from outside it, will not enjoy that status; and he will have to fence with the liberal complaint that the FBI devotes entirely too much attention to the background and activities of civil rightists, left wingers, hippies, Women's Lib, and so on.

Hoover regarded that assortment as tools, either active or potential, for the Communists, and because his public utterances about them were so strongly worded, the Bureau, in some eyes, has become a Mrs. Grundy.

Though he did go overboard in some respects, Hoover set a standard in public service which is a rarity.

His successor has some big shoes to fill.

A Cleaner Bay

In New York City, the Port Authority has taken a long step toward control of pollution from fuel runoff, raw hydrocarbons, solvents and compounds at metropolitan airports, Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark. It has engaged Cornell Aeronautical Laboratories to evaluate the pollution potential and develop preventive measures.

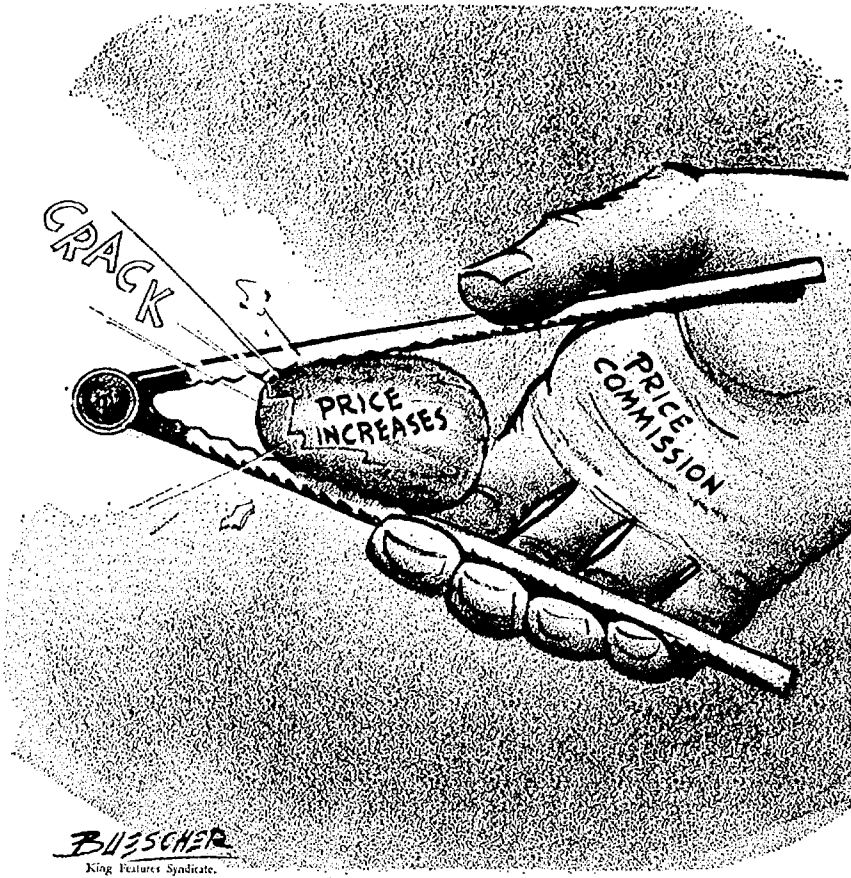
The study is expected to last two years and cost \$400,000. By the time the recommendations are studied and implemented the ounce of prevention might turn out to be the pound of cure.

The Port Authority seeks to maintain and protect the ecology of adjacent waters by continuing to maintain special disposal facilities where operations require the handling of chemical and petroleum products. A pollution control feature of the new Newark Airport under construction will be underground pipelines, eliminating the use of tank trucks, to deliver fuel to aircraft.

Although tenant airlines contractually share responsibility for controlling the cleanliness of runways and staging areas, the Cornell study will undoubtedly recommend immediate and long term additional measures to prevent pollution of surrounding waters, and to correct abuses that may have escaped the Port Authority's own efforts.

The Port Authority's double-check is a constructive step that promises protection not only for the airports, but for neighboring communities as well.

Nut Cracker



GLANCING BACKWARDS

BLOSSOMS BLESSED IN ABSENCE

—1 Year Ago—

Blossoms were blessed in absence, when winds swept like March through the apple orchard and nearly 200 persons huddled with hands in coat pockets. It was 39 degrees.

Blessing of the Blossoms, nonetheless, proved a successful start for Blossomtime week festivities. It was held

outside in the traditional orchard of the Walter Miller farm on Hillendale road.

TO LAUNCH TC BRANCH LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

—10 Years Ago—

Judging by last night's initial meeting at the YWCA, it appears the twin cities will soon have a branch of the League of Women Voters. Nearly 90 women turned out to hear how

to form a local group, then elected temporary officers until next month.

The main speaker was Mrs. F. Douglass Bettet from the state headquarters of the League. She said the organization's purpose is "to encourage the citizen to take responsible part in government on all levels."

JAP SHIPPING LOSSES TOLD

—29 Years Ago—

A far-ranging war of attrition by allied bombers and submarines against Japanese warships and shipping while the Japanese are attempting to cut allied supply lines to Australia by a submarine offensive was disclosed to United Nations pronouncements today as the enemy again struck with force at Darwin.

An allied spokesman in the southwest Pacific said Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Liberators and Flying Fortresses had sunk 27,500 tons of Japanese shipping and damaged 65,800—a total of 93,300 tons—in April. Not a single heavy bomber was lost in combat, it was said.

ELECTED TO SOCIETY

—39 Years Ago—

Ted McHold Jr. has been elected to membership in Kappa Delta Phi, honorary society at Western State Teachers college.

BASEBALL TIME

—49 Years Ago—

Adding machines and textbooks will be put aside tomorrow afternoon when the city's bankers and the members of the high school faculty clash in a baseball game at the House of David park. Null and Remus will probably be the bankers' battery.

BLOSSOM SUNDAY

—59 Years Ago—

Sunday will be observed as Blossom Sunday in the First Methodist church. The auditorium will be decorated with a profusion of blossoms. The pastor will preach on an Ascension day theme and a special program of music will be sung by the choir.

FAST TRAIN

—79 Years Ago—

It is positively stated that the Vandalia will put on a fast train May 14.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

SAYS NEW TROY LOSING AGAIN

I would like to use your column to answer J. R. North of Harbert, who says I am depriving my children of an education because I am against an increase in millage. My children, Mr. North, were deprived of an education the day you voted in the merger of the three schools to form the River Valley school district. How many times did you have us vote on the issue to merge? How many of our kids did you brainwash with, "No merger, no education" You screamed "Bigger, Better School (not to mention bigger classes) and thus a better education." No, you just had to have that school and now you yell its overcrowded and you need more money, more money, more money.

We in the New Troy area voted desperately against it, but we lost. Now, we're losing again. New Troy has lost all identity, as the school is referred to as Three Oaks River Valley. New Troy has no representation on the school board. And the New Troy school has been allowed to deteriorate. Yet you don't hesitate to ask New Troy for more tax dollars.

I guess I have been squandering my money. I mean I buy food, clothing, I have a roof over my head and I have a car, which it appears, will be converted to a school bus. Yes, I'm squandering my money, but I've learned one thing, Mr. North, if I can't afford something I do without. That could and should be applied to the River Valley school budget. Why not eliminate some of the assistants to the assistants? Why not cut down on salary increases? Trim the unnecessary.

You said that I should visit the school, well I have and it's enough to make one ill. The students today not only need discipline, but also an education in courtesy, neatness, respect and pride. I attended New Troy school and it was a school to be proud of, today, it's a shame. So close it up. Let my kids who live a block away ride a bus — oh, excuse me, I forgot we can't afford buses, let my kids walk to Chikaming or Three Oaks. On second thought, since my taxes last year jumped 19 per cent, let's close Chikaming and let their kids walk here.

I heard somewhere, and I'm

going to check into it, that since New Troy has no representation on the school board, we could withdraw from the River Valley school district. Okay, Mr. North, you took the school out of New Troy, so I say fellow taxpayers and parents, let's get together and take New Troy out of River Valley school district. Let's get our tax dollars back where they belong and most of all, let's get rid of the frills and get back to basic education.

Mrs. James A. Rice
Box 328
New Troy

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

WRONG PERSON ON TRIAL

Indian request Jury trial for fishing violation, the Wednesday, April 26, Mrs. Isabel Overton, a Pottawatomie Indian is the one on trial. What irony, in a way Mrs. Overton and her kind, own the Great Lakes.

It has long been said that court appointed attorneys, or in this case, Legal Services, don't amount to much and this case tends to prove it.

Mrs. Isabel Overton vs. D.N.R. Walt Mikula, state of Michigan, over fishing in the Great Lakes. It's a poor attorney who would reveal his defense to the press before the trial. His defense, that Mrs. Overton, as a Pottawatomie has

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Romans

Ignore Free Buses

ROME (AP) — Rush-hour buses and streetcars are free in an experiment to help reduce traffic congestion but many Romans aren't buying it.

"Nobody believes the good intentions of the bus company," headlined Rome's II Messaggero today after the first day of the 45-day experiment.

Traffic Tuesday was as chaotic as usual and bus drivers reported only a slight increase in passengers. Many Romans were unaware of the experiment, which began with little advance publicity and after a three-day holiday weekend when many were out of town.

Ray Cronley



Nixon Aim: Boom

By Election Day

WASHINGTON (NEA) — It is not generally realized just how very determined President Nixon is to have a booming economy by Nov. 7, 1972.

But his urgency in speeding economic recovery is leading him into actions which could boomerang greatly in the next several years.

At the Pentagon, at Health Education and Welfare, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and other large-budget agencies, the bureaucrats who oversee what is bought, and when, have been given orders to manage their spending so that a maximum amount of money is pumped into the economy in the months just ahead.

The plan is, further, that some considerable spending which would normally take place in November, December and January will be moved forward where possible to hit in the early fall.

Where earlier spending is not feasible, attempts are being made to signal future contracts and future spending in ways that are sufficiently concrete to encourage industry to gear up before November, expanding employment and facilities and increasing inventories.

Behind the scenes, all stops are out in the White House effort to convince the stubbornly independent Arthur Burns of the Federal Reserve Board that the supply of money must be regularly increased at a pace great enough to sustain strong economic growth in the months ahead.

The budget deficit for fiscal 1972 and that projected for fiscal 1973 are at levels which almost insure unsettling in-

flationary pressures of the same type created by President Johnson's unbalanced war budgets. These pressures, economic analysts now say, brought on the inflation of the present and past several years.

Neither President Nixon nor the Congress apparently have the strength of will to decide on what is not urgently essential in the current budgets and determinedly chop out the deadwood.

The distortions of these policies are already appearing. Despite the overly high unemployment rate, there are indications that employers have been taking on men and women at a faster rate than their business justifies — in anticipation. This could mean slower-than-normal increases in employment at later stages in the recovery.

A money supply arbitrarily increased at a too-rapid pace — combined with heavy federal spending and other artificial stimulants — could effectively destroy the most stringent attempts at price control.

If the inflation pressures increase in the manner outlined above, the price controllers can get as tough as they please, but prices will have a way of rising nevertheless.

This reporter has talked at length with economists who believe that under the best of circumstances we are boxed in permanently at best with an inflation rate of three to four per cent a year. Pressures of the type outlined above could drive those rates up well above that range for the years just ahead.

Marianne Means

Senate Pals No

Help To Muskie

WASHINGTON — Sen. Edmund Muskie retreated from the Presidential campaign last week surrounded by most of the 15 Democratic Senators who had officially endorsed him.

They sat in the crowded Senate hearing room with downcast eyes and taut lips, applauded feebly when he announced his decision, and fled hastily afterward by the back door to avoid reporters.

Elsewhere, at that same moment, Sens. George McGovern and Hubert Humphrey were happily continuing their pursuit of the Presidency — McGovern with the benefit of only one Senate endorsement and Humphrey with only two.

So much for the collective wisdom of the Senate, and the value of Senatorial support in a national Presidential contest.

Ironically, the endorsement of so many of his Senate colleagues (and nine governors as well) may have actually hurt Muskie more than it helped. During one of Muskie's rare meetings with his Senate supporters, Utah's Frank Moss warned that the endorsements were making Muskie look like the candidate of The Establish-

ment. And that, Moss observed, was not a good thing to be this year. Muskie ignored the warning.

Despite all this, Humphrey and McGovern are eager to win some converts from Muskie's Senate team. Representatives of both camps have begun pressing Senators for endorsements. Both Humphrey and McGovern, in fact, could stand a little Establishment aura. Humphrey needs it to develop a sense of political momentum. And McGovern needs it to demonstrate that he can capture the political centers.

Most of the Muskie 15, however, are wary of making another mistake. In a private session with Muskie before his announcement, they all pledged to stick with him for a time at least.

"It's good cover for awhile," one Senator sighed. "I'm in no hurry to pick wrong again." Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana, contacted by Humphrey, was so cagey he wouldn't even promise unofficial help in his state's primary, in which Humphrey is alone against Gov. George Wallace. "Muskie was such a nice safe haven," ruefully observed a third-senator, who thinks McGovern is too liberal to carry his state and who fears Humphrey cannot beat President Nixon.

In hindsight, it now appears that Muskie relied too much on the help of his Senate supporters to carry their states in lieu of building his own local organizations. Sens. Stuart Symington and Thomas Eagleton, for instance, had promised grandly that together they would deliver the Missouri delegation for Muskie. When the state convention was held, however, most of the delegates went for McGovern or remained uncommitted.

DOCTOR APPOINTED LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Dr. Joseph C. Denniston, medical superintendent of Caro State Home and Training School the past two years, will supervise Detroit and Wayne County programs for the State Department of Mental Health beginning June 1.

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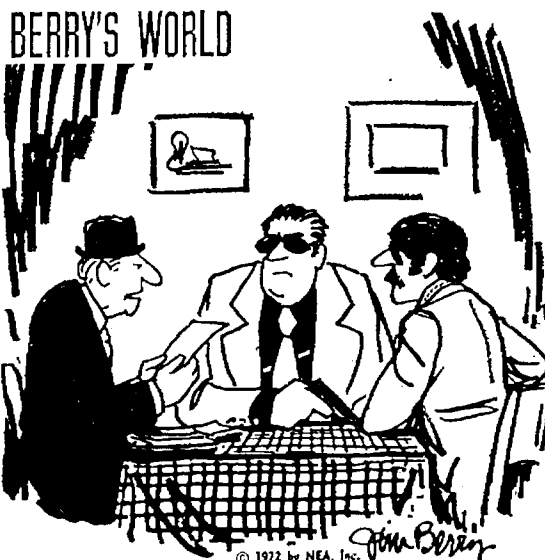
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"It's from another TV producer. He wants to do a 'Godfather'-type series, based on us, called 'All in the Families!'"

Same Theme, New Route

Blossomland's Young Buds Star Thursday

The route is changed but the theme is the same as Blossomland's young buds star tomorrow in the annual Kiddies Parade.

Benton Harbor hosts the Kiddies Parade this year and it will follow a different route than when formerly held here. The starting line tomorrow is 12th and Market street. New Market street is the line of march with the procession rolling across Colfax, behind the YMCA and city hall to

dispersal at Market and Third street.

Starting time is 3:30 p.m., but participants are asked to be in the marshaling area on the old fruit market by 2:30 for judging.

The prelude to Blossomtime's Grand Floral Parade, the Kiddies parade brings out some 2,000 moppets, Huck Finns, brownies, baton twirlers, dogs and cats.

Entries are judged in 13 categories ranging from

decorated trikes and doll cabs to elaborate floats. However, there are certain rules to hold down expenses and size of the floats and none can be automotive. There is no limit on ingenuity.

Awards will be distributed in the Rose room of the Vincent hotel immediately after the parade.

Parade participation is open to youngsters from preschool through junior high. Entry forms are required

only for marching units — baton corps, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cubs, Brownies.

D. Wayne Root is parade chairman for the fifth consecutive year. Other officials include Alfred Lange and Robert Williams, vice chairmen, and Mrs. Frank Barnes, chairman of judges.

Friday is the rain date in event inclement weather forces a postponement Thursday.

Benton Apartments Given Final Approval

A proposed \$6 million apartment complex in Benton township last night got final approval from the township board of trustees, pending a written document from the developers stating they will comply with previous stipulations.

The stipulations are that developers must install their

own sewer line for the Nickerson avenue complex, and must also upgrade a lift station on Plaza drive.

Herbert Reimers, St. Joseph promoter for the Tri-State development corporation of Southfield, Mich., said the necessary legal documents would immediately be sent to the board.

The proposal itself, which was passed last night at a regular meeting of the board of trustees in township hall, is to re-zone the property off Nickerson south of Fairplain Plaza from commercial and industrial to C-Multiple for apartments.

The proposal last week received the unanimous ap-

proval of the Benton township planning commission.

After the meeting Reimers said bids for the construction of the complex would be let in about two or three months. He noted that developers must still obtain approvals from various agencies that will be involved with the complex, such as the county drain commission, and the water, gas, and electric departments. No apparent trouble or opposition was foreseen, Reimers added.

Plans for the complex call for 317 units to be built over the next three years at the site, with different phases in construction. Phase One will be construction of rental apartments, Reimers said, followed by condominiums that people may purchase.

Reimers is a real estate broker who represents both the sellers of the property, Laurence Beaudoin of Benton township and Dennis Dick of Grand Rapids, and the buyer, the Tri-State Development company.

The development will be located on 30.5 acres, of which only eight per cent will be buildings, Reimers noted.

He previously said that in addition to the living units themselves, there will be ample parking and recreation areas. Rent, Reimers said, will depend on the market, but probable range would be from \$180 to \$210 depending on the unit involved.

The approval ends a lengthy process of investigation, since the plans were originally submitted to the planning commission on Jan. 13.

The land on which the complex is to be built is presently vacant. Reimers said the complex will be privately funded.

Reimers was questioned by the trustees as to the effects on tenants living in an area that is surrounded by industrial zoning. Reimers, however, said that the industries surrounding the complex are not heavy industries that give off heavy smoke or noise.

Trustees also passed resolutions regarding Model Cities. The resolutions include approving an amendment of a contract with Contractors Assistance Corp. for renovation of the Morton Hill annex in the amount of \$34,543; approving an amendment to first year contract with CONSAD research corporation; approving second year contract with CONSAD for evaluation system; and eliminating the Community Progress commission. Planning functions



LaMARRE MAJOR SCHOLARS RETURNING: Three of the first Twin Cities area students granted scholarships by the LaMarre Major Scholarship foundation in 1968 returned as college graduates to a meeting of the foundation trustees this week. Another seven students awarded the books and tuition grants in 1968 are still attending classes at various colleges in Michigan. All told, 30 students are studying on foundation scholarships. Another 5 or 6 grants will be

presented for next year. Foundation was set up as memorial to LaMarre Major, young Benton township man killed in Vietnam in 1967. From left are three graduates, Pearlene White, Western Michigan university; Gary Bunch, Ferris State college; James Schueneman, WMU; and Edward Richey, foundation scholarship chairman, and Mrs. Robert Reagan, foundation president. Foundation is supported by individual and corporate donations. (Staff photo).

previously relegated to the commission will now be performed by the Model Cities

Photographer Is Accused

NEW YORK (AP) — Ronald Galella, the freelance photographer involved in a dispute with Jacqueline Onassis, has been accused of interfering with Secret Service agents.

council.

In other business, the board: —Passed requests for special use permits for homes for the aged at the homes of Lela and Columbus Wilder, 1923 Waukonda avenue, and Mrs. Susan Payne, Route 4, Box 639H Roslin road.

—Passed a request for a home occupancy permit for Mr. and Mrs. Mike Volpe, 232 Elmside street. The permit is for a beauty shop in the Volpe residence.

Court Upholds \$8,886 Award To Sturm Estate

The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld a 1969 jury verdict awarding \$8,886.92 from a St. Joseph woman, Mrs. Hannah Klahm, to the estate of an elderly St. Joseph woman who died in 1963.

The trial, ending in December, 1969, was the third in a 1964 suit to obtain \$20,000 that Mrs. Klahm and her daughter, Mrs. Marianne Piner of St. Joseph, allegedly obtained from Mrs. Alma Sturm through undue influence at the time of Mrs. Sturm's death on Oct. 23, 1963.

The first trial ended in mistrial. The second brought a jury award of almost \$21,000 to the estate from both women, but was overturned by the court of appeals.

The verdict in the third trial was "no cause for action" in favor of Mrs. Piner, and \$8,886.92 against Mrs. Klahm. Both the estate and Mrs.

Klahm appealed. Both lost in a 12-page appeals court decision.

The 1969 trial judge, Judge Chester J. Byrns, told jurors it was the most hard-fought case he had seen.

Charles D. Berkholz of St. Joseph, sole heir of the estate, still has received none of the money involved in litigation, according to St. Joseph Atty. Ronald J. Taylor, counsel for the estate.

He would receive the \$8,886.92 plus interest if the case ends with the recent court of appeals decision, Atty. Taylor said.

Trades Council Endorses HHH

DETROIT (AP) — The Greater Detroit Building and Trades Council Tuesday endorsed Minnesota Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey for President in Michigan's May 16 primary.

County Nets Thousands At Property Tax Sale

Some 400 parcels of property in Berrien county were "sold" for delinquent 1969 taxes Monday at the annual May tax sale in the county courthouse, St. Joseph.

Tens of thousands of dollars were paid to the county by the purchasers.

Some 1,818 properties' taxes originally were scheduled for sale, but only about 600 wound up on the block after hundreds of

owners crowded into the county treasurer's office in recent days before the sale to make last-minute tax payments. Treasurer William C. Heyn reported.

Of the 600, about 400 had their tax obligations sold. The remaining parcels will, if not redeemed by owners paying taxes plus penalties in the next 18 months, wind up in the tax land "scavenger sales" conducted by the State Department of Natural

Resources, he added.

Tuesday's sale was held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the courthouse third floor. According to Heyn, most of the buyers were interested not in eventually getting title to the parcels but in getting the one per cent a month interest the landowner has to pay if he wants to redeem the property.

Most such parcels are redeemed within the 18-month grace period allowed after the tax sale, Heyn said.

Shoreham Village Council Approves Budget Expenditures Of \$16,505

Shoreham village council last night approved the 1972-73 budget following a public hearing.

The only change in the budget adopted last night from the tentative budget presented April 4 was increasing ordinance printing and legal

costs from \$500 to \$1,000.

The budget calls for revenue of \$16,800 and expenditures of \$16,505. The village also has a surplus of \$20,675 in a bank account.

The board last night discussed the plight of Rev. Robert Strauss with his one

house on two lots for an hour, and then voted to table the request to merge them into one tax description. Rev. Strauss of 4028 South Lakeshore drive has been assigned two sanitary sewer special assessments, each costing \$1,890.

Merging the property into

one tax description would make Rev. Strauss liable for only one assessment in future cases.

The township appeal board, handed the task of reviewing the request of Dr. E. H. Ward to develop the Brown School Church of Christ into a dental clinic, reported it would issue its formal findings in five days.

Patrolman Joseph Garski gave this account of the incident:

A man ran from the house on Court street and jumped on the hood of Garski's patrol car. Police then chased him around the neighborhood. The man ran back to the house and climbed an adjacent television tower and sat on the top which was swaying back and forth.

Police said the man stayed on top of the antenna for about 20 minutes, then fell 25 feet and became wedged between the tower and roof. St. Joseph firemen freed the man, only to have him run onto a higher

Benton Motion Wishes Lanes 'Speedy Recovery'

Benton township board of trustees last night passed a special motion, and it won't cost township taxpayers a cent.

The motion, which was unanimously approved, wished Supervisor and Mrs. Martin J. Lane a speedy

recovery. The Lanes were injured on April 23 in an auto accident in Bainbridge township. Mr. Lane was treated and released for bruises, but Mrs. Lane still remains a patient in Mercy hospital. Her condition this

morning was listed as "fair."

A copy of the resolution will be sent to the Lanes, trustees said. Supervisor Lane was present in the audience of last night's board meeting, but did not vote on any issues.

Who Needs Disney?--Wonderland Is Here!



HANDLE WITH CARE: Sharp beak and keen, mean eyes show why Charles Nelson of Sarett Nature Center holds injured Osprey at careful distance and with extra thick gloves. Not visible are the sharp talons. This Osprey, about two feet long, was found near the center after hitting high wire. Nelson said the bird, member of the hawk family, is currently under care of Bert Deaner, of Sodus township, a bird enthusiast. Osprey's are known as fish hawks, because fish is a favorite prey. Wingspreads average 4½ feet. This Osprey damaged a wing in wire collision. (Charles Carson photo)



WOW! A crayfish pulled from a pond at Sarett Nature center creates wonder among second graders in Mrs. Rankin Tippins's class from Clarke school, St. Joseph. Charles Nelson, director and naturalist at the center, fished the animal from a pond along a nature trail while con-

ducting the youngsters on a tour. Adults as well as school groups are given tours at the center, located on the Paw Paw river and Benton Center road, north of Twelve Corners. (Walter Booth photo)



STUNNED BEAUTY: Great Blue Heron, held by Charles Nelson, director-naturalist at Sarett Nature Center, was found lying on ground recently, apparently a victim of hitting high wire near Niles and Lincoln avenue south of St. Joseph. This beauty, standing four feet tall and with a five-foot wingspread, was only stunned, though, and has since been released in center preserve. Photograph of heron, eager to resume flight, was taken by Charles Carson of Lake Michigan college, who is engaged in nature center's work-study program.

Porter Resident Challenges Van Buren Remap Plan Again

By STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — For the second time, a Van Buren county plan for redrawing the boundaries of county commissioner districts has been challenged.

And for the second time, the challenge has come from Robert Streeter of Porter township, through his attorney, Burke Webb of the Marcelus firm of Jones, Webb and Jones.

The appeal, formerly dated Monday, challenges the nine-man county commissioner plan adopted by the county apportionment commission a week ago.

And again, Streeter, through his attorney, has proposed that the county be operated by a county board consisting of five county commissioners.

The court of appeals has not yet set any date for submission of oral or written arguments.

The newest appeal may provide a landmark court decision governing apportionment standards, according to Van Buren Prosecutor William Buhl who was also chairman of the county apportionment commission.

If Streeter's proposed five-man-board plan is ordered implemented by the appeals court, it will mean that court

officials are allowing almost no latitude in population variance between the district with the highest population and the district with the lowest population, he said.

It also means, he added, that the county no longer has the power to govern the size of the county board of commissioners.

Streeter's plan has a population variance of .27 of one per cent. The nine-man plan adopted by the county apportionment commission

had a population variance of 1.58 per cent.

In Streeter's appeal, it is asserted that the apportionment commission attempted to avoid the "one man, one vote" requirement when it adopted the nine-man plan in that there were three other plans (five, six and seven-man boards) with variances under one per cent.

In the first plan adopted by the apportionment commission, a 15-commissioner plan which maintained the

present number of commissioners but shifted district lines, the population variance amounted to about 8.384 per cent, below the previous court standard of 10 per cent.

But the appeals court, acting on Streeter's first appeal, rejected the plan, saying the county's apportionment commission apparently had not made an effort to reduce the population variance to a lower and more acceptable level.

Ironically, Buhl pointed out, Van Buren county is one of 23 in

the state from which apportionment plans have been challenged.

And, according to a recent Associated Press dispatch from Lansing, 30 other counties have filed apportionment plans which were not challenged and all of which appeared to have a population variance greater than the 10 per cent initially set at a ceiling by the court.

There are no provisions for an automatic review of such apportionment plans, Buhl added.

Berrien Panel To Probe New Buffalo Township Property Tax Assessments

Commissioner Edward Grieger of New Buffalo has been informed by a committee of the Berrien county commissioners that it will investigate charges by Grieger of political favoritism in real property assessments in his township.

According to a letter from Commissioner R. J. Burkholz, acting secretary of the county affairs committee, the investigation will be started at the next equalization meeting, 7 p.m.

Monday in the courthouse. Approval of the investigation was made last Monday during a meeting of the committee, with State Senator Charles O. Zollar and State Representative Harry Gast in attendance, the letter said.

Last week Grieger turned over to the county affairs committee five pages of names and assessments from 1971, which he termed "proof positive" of political favoritism in setting real

property valuations in New Buffalo township. Grieger, a Republican, charged that favoritism has been undertaken by the Democratic slate that took virtually every office in the last township election.

Arthur J. Adamec, New Buffalo township supervisor, has called Grieger's charges "politics in the worst sense." Adamec, a Democrat, said he has never considered politics in setting assessments.

Blind, He Can Fix Anything

DETROIT (AP) — "If it doesn't work, I want to know why. And if it does work, I want to know why."

Those comments came from Mark Hass, 18, who can tear apart and repair just about anything mechanical. Hass has been blind since birth.

Right now, he's busy building

a camper trailer. He's so busy, in fact, that he doesn't have much time for the piano, drums or guitar, all of which he learned to play himself.

About the only thing Mark has found which he can't do is determine the color of certain wires. His three younger brothers help with that, telling him

which wire is what color.

He also leaves to his friend Tom Buskirk, 16, the job of welding parts on the trailer he's building. Mark hasn't learned how to weld, but he expects to when he begins a two-year course at the Piano Technology Institute in Batavia, N.Y., next September.

Sodus Twp. Supervisor Improved

Veteran Sodus Township Supervisor Ben Rosenberg, 72, was out of intensive care and listed in "fair" condition today at Mercy hospital, Benton Harbor, after suffering a heart attack April 23.

He's expected to be hospitalized a couple more weeks, according to a family spokesman. Only immediate family members are allowed to visit him but cards and letters are appreciated, the spokesman said.

Football Player, Truck Driver Die In Indiana Crash

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A former Galien man who played for the Mishawaka Hawks semi-pro football team and an Edwardsburg truck driver were killed early Tuesday morning in the fiery crash of a tanker truck and car near Granger, Ind.

The victims were identified as Billy W. White, 29, of South Bend, formerly of Galien, and William Powell of Edwardsburg. White played tight end and middle linebacker for the Hawks since the team was organized in 1969.

Both men were dead on arrival at South Bend Memorial hospital. Dr. Edward Shelley, St. Joseph county deputy coroner, said White's death was attributed to a skull fracture, crushed chest and other severe fractures. Powell died from burns.

St. Joseph county police said the crash occurred about 3 a.m. on Indiana 23, just south of the Michigan line between South Bend and Elkhart.

Police said White apparently was returning home from work as a bartender at Eagle Lake, Mich., when his car crossed the center line.

Officers speculated the truck

driver attempted to swerve his vehicle to avoid a crash. After the impact, the truck continued off the roadway, struck a culvert and exploded, hurling flames several hundred feet in the air.

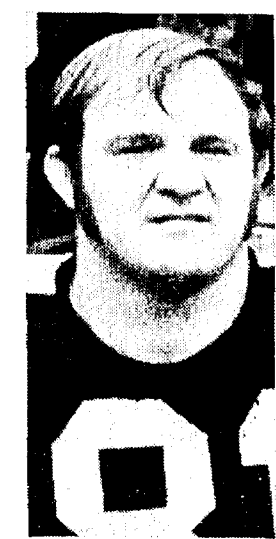
Four rural fire departments and the Harris township rescue rig were sent to the scene. Firefighters worked more than an hour freeing White, who was pinned in his car.

The Standard Oil company tanker was loaded with 8,000 gallons of fuel oil, according to police.

Mr. White was born Oct. 11, 1942 at Dyess, Ark., and moved to Galien in 1951 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe White. He married Marilyn Hocker of Buchanan Nov. 27, 1971 in South Bend.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by a daughter, Shawn, age 6, and a son, Christopher, 4, both of Edwardsburg; a brother, Joe B. White of Buchanan; five sisters, Mrs. Gene Benjamin, Mrs. Betty Cantrell, and Mrs. Jackie Welsh, all of Galien, Mrs. LeDean Gaul of Buchanan, and Mrs. Patricia Dillion of Rockford, Ill.

Funeral services will be held



BILLY W. WHITE

at 3 p.m. Thursday in Swem-Smith funeral home in Buchanan. Elder John P. Rees of the Buchanan Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Ridge cemetery, Buchanan.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 7 p.m. today.

WILL TOUR ROMANIA

BIRMINGHAM, Mich. (AP) — The 65-member Maple Chorus of Seaholm High School in Birmingham has been selected to tour Romania June 19 through July 8 under the partial sponsorship of the Romanian government and the Dewitt Wallace fund of Readers Digest magazine.

Evidence Can Be Admitted

PAW PAW — A ruling by Van Buren Circuit Court Judge David Anderson, Jr. which suppressed evidence against three men accused of illegal possession of marijuana has been overturned by the state court of appeals.

Van Buren Prosecutor William Buhl, who had appealed the ruling of Judge Anderson, confirmed Tuesday that the appeals court has ordered the cases remanded back to circuit court.

The three persons involved in the proceedings are James K. Leach, 23, Terry R. Street, 26, and Michael D. Hall, 24, all of Saginaw.

The three were arrested by state police in March of 1970 after officers stopped a van with one headlight out. A subsequent search of the vehicle produced a small quantity of what was later verified as marijuana by state police lab technicians.

Following a preliminary hearing, an attorney for the three claimed the search by police officers was unreasonable and Judge Anderson suppressed the results of the search.

Buhl subsequently filed for permission to appeal and later his appeal of the ruling.